GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. – Implementation of online National Transit Pass System (NPTS) in the State for seamless movement of timber and other forest produce across the country - Amendments to the Rule (3) and 5(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1970 – Notification – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.30 **Dated.17.05.2023**

Read the following:

1)From GoI, MoEF&CC (Forest Policy Division), New Delhi, Lr.F.No.8-42/2018-FP, dt.26.10.2020.
2)Govt.Memo No.1983/Sec.II/2020/1271595, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dt.06.11.2020.
3)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.11546/2019/Prod.4, dt.26.11.2020.
4)From GoI, MoEF&CC (Forest Policy Division), New Delhi, Lr.F.No.8-42/2018-FP, dt.19.07.2021.
5)Govt.Memo No.1983/Sec.II/2020, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dt.05.08.2021.
6)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.11546/2019/Prod.4, dt.11.09.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Policy Division), Government of India, New Delhi have stated that the online National Transit Pass System (NTPS) has been developed by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for adoption by all States/UTs in order to facilitate hassle-free movement of timber and other forest produce, especially inter-state movement. This will be a big incentive for forest produce trade and will benefit all States/UTs. The NTPS adheres to the "One Nation-One Pass" principle, and therefore, does away with the requirement of 'in-lieu passes' issued at intermediate State borders. Therefore, for effective functioning of National Transit Pass System (NTPS), the States/UTs are required to amend their existing forest produce transit regulations.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in the letter 6th read above, has proposed for amendments to the Rule (3) and 5(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1970, for implementation of the online National Transit Pass System (NTPS) in the State.

3. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government have decided to make amendments to the said Rules.

4. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an Extra-Ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated.17.05.2023.

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 read with section 68 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (Act No.1 of 1967) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby make the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1970 issued vide G.O.Ms.No.356, Food & Agriculture, dated.04.03.1970, and published in Andhra Pradesh Gazettee R.S. part-II, dated:30.04.1970 and as subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules,

1. in rule 3, after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

> "Provided further that a Transit Pass/No Objection Certificate generated through National Transit Pass System (NTPS) portal of Government of India shall be valid within the State of Andhra Pradesh."

2. in sub-rule (1) of rule 5, after the expression "Government Timber Depots and in Form-II in all other cases", the following expression shall be inserted, namely:-

> "or a Transit Pass / No Objection Certificate generated through online National Transit Pass System (NTPS) portal of Government of India".

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Printing Stationery & Stores Purchase, Vijayawada (with a request to publish the said notification and provide 50 copies to the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur.)
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur.

Copy to:

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